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**IRON.** *adj.*  
 1. Made of iron.  
 In iron walls they deem'd me not secure. *Shaksp. H. VI.*  
 Get me an iron crow, and bring it straight  
 Unto my cell. *Shaksp. Romeo and Juliet.*  
 Some are of an iron red, shining, and polite; others not  
 polite, but as if powdered with iron dust. *Woodward.*  
 Poll-cats and weasels do a great deal of injury to warrens:  
 the way of taking them is in hutches, and iron traps. *Martim.*  
 2. Resembling iron in colour.  
 A piece of stone of a dark iron grey colour, but in some  
 parts of a ferruginous colour. *Woodward on Fossils.*  
 Some of them are of an iron red, and very bright. *Woodward.*  
 3. Harsh; severe; rigid; miserable; calamitous: as, the iron  
 age, for an age of hardship and wickedness. These ideas may  
 be found more or less in all the following examples.  
 Three vigorous virgins, waiting still behind,  
 Assist the throne of th' iron scepter'd king. *Crashaw.*  
 O sad virgin, that thy power  
 Might bid the soul of Orpheus sing  
 Such notes as warbled to the strings,  
 Drew iron tears from Pluto's cheek,  
 And made hell grant what love did seek.  
 In all my iron years of wars and dangers,  
 From blooming youth down to decaying age,  
 My fame ne'er knew a stain of dishonour. *Milton.*  
 Jove crush the nations with an iron rod,  
 And every monarch be the scourge of God. *Pope's Odyssey.*  
 4. Indissoluble, unbroken.  
 Ruff Elpenor, in an evil hour,  
 Dry'd an immeasurable bowl, and thought  
 T' exhale his fureit by irriguous sleep,  
 Imprudent: him death's iron sleep oppress. *Phillips.*  
 5. Hard; impenetrable.  
 I will converse with iron witted fools,  
 And unresponsive boys: none are for me,  
 That look into me with confid'rate eyes. *Shaksp. R. III.*  
 To **IRON.** *v. a.* [from the noun.]  
 1. To smooth with an iron.  
 2. To shackle with irons.  
**IRONICAL.** *adj.* [from *ironia*, Fr. from *irony*] Expressing one thing  
 and meaning another; speaking by contraries.  
 In this fallacy may be comprised all *ironical* mistakes, or  
 expressions receiving inverted significations. *Brown.*  
 I take all your *ironical* civilities in a literal sense, and shall  
 expect them to be literally performed. *Swift.*  
**IRONICALLY.** *adv.* [from *ironia*] By the use of irony.  
 Socrates was pronounced by the oracle of Delphos to be the  
 wisest man of Greece, which he would turn from himself  
*ironically*, saying, there could be nothing in him to verify the  
 oracle, except this, that he was not wise, and knew it; and  
 others were not wise, and knew it not. *Bacon.*  
 The dean, *ironically* grave,  
 Still shunn'd the fool, and lash'd the knave. *Swift.*  
**IRONMONGER.** *n. s.* [from *iron* and *monger*.] A dealer in iron.  
**IRONWOOD.** *n. s.* A kind of wood extremely hard, and so pon-  
 derous as to sink in water. It grows in America. *Rob. Crisp.*  
**IRONWORT.** *n. s.* [from *iron* and *wort*.] It is a plant with a labiate  
 flower, consisting of one leaf, whose upper lip or beard is  
 divided into three parts: out of the flower-cup rises the pointal,  
 attended, as it were, by four embryos; which afterward turn  
 to so many oblong seeds, shut up in an hulk, which before was  
 the flower-cup: to these marks must be added, the flowers  
 growing in whorles at the wings of the leaves, which are cut  
 like a cleft, and differ from the other leaves of the plant. *Mill.*  
**IRONY.** *adj.* [from *iron*.] Made of iron; partaking of iron.  
 The force they are under is real, and that of their fate but  
 imaginary: it is not strange if the *irony* chains have more  
 solidity than the contemplative. *Hammond's Fundamentals.*  
 Some springs of Hungary, highly impregnated with vitrio-  
 lick salts, dissolve the body of one metal, suppose iron, put  
 into the spring; and deposite, in lieu of the *irony* particles car-  
 ried off, coppery particles. *Woodward on Fossils.*  
**IRONY.** *n. s.* [from *ironia*, Fr. *ironia*.] A mode of speech in  
 which the meaning is contrary to the words: as, *Belling broke*  
*was a holy man*.  
 So grave a body, upon so solemn an occasion, should not  
 deal in *irony*, or explain their meaning by contraries. *Swift.*  
**IRRA'DIANCY.** *n. s.* [from *irradiance*, French; *irradiatio*, Latin.]  
 1. Emission of rays or beams of light upon any object.  
 The principal affection is its translucency; the *irradiancy*  
 and sparkling, found in many gems, is not discoverable in  
 this. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*  
 2. Beams of light emitted.  
 Love not the heavenly spirits? Or do they mix  
 Irradiance & virtual, or immediate touch? *Mit. Par. Lgt.*  
 To **IRRA'DIATE.** *v. a.* [from *irradiatio*, Latin.]  
 1. To adorn with light emitted upon it; to brighten.  
 When he thus perceives that these opacous bodies do not  
 hinder the eye from judging light to have an equal plenary  
 diffusion through the whole place it *irradiates*, he can have no

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difficulty to allow air, that is diaphanous, to be every where  
 mingled with light. *Digby on Bodies.*  
 It is not a converting but a crowning grace; such an one  
 as *irradiates* and puts a circle of glory about the head of him  
 upon whom it descends. *South.*  
 2. To enlighten intellectually; to illumine; to illuminate.  
 Celestial light  
 Shine inward, and the mind through all her powers  
 Irradiate; there plant eyes: all mist from thence  
 Purge and dispel. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. iii.*  
 3. To animate by heat or light.  
 Ethereal or solar heat must digest, influence, *irradiate*, and  
 put those more simple parts of matter into motion. *Hale.*  
 4. To decorate with shining ornaments.  
 No weeping orphan saw his father's floor  
 Our shrines *irradiate*, or imblaze the floor. *Pope.*  
**IRRA'DIATION.** *n. s.* [from *irradiatio*, Fr. from *irradiare*.]  
 1. The act of emitting beams of light.  
 If light were a body it should drive away the air, which is  
 likewise a body, wherever it is admitted; for within the vehicle  
 of the *irradiation* of it, there is no point but light is  
 found. *Digby on Bodies.*  
 The generation of bodies is not effected by *irradiation*, or  
 answerably unto the propagation of light; but herein a trans-  
 mission is made materially from some parts, and ideally from  
 every one. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*  
 2. Illumination; intellectual light.  
 The means of derivation and immediate union of these in-  
 telligible objects to the understanding, are sometimes divine  
 and supernatural, as by immediate *irradiation* or revelation.  
*Hale's Origin of Mankind.*  
**IRRA'TIONAL.** *adj.* [from *irrationalis*, Latin.]  
 1. Void of reason; void of understanding; without the dis-  
 courteous faculty.  
 Thus began  
 Outrage from lifeless things; but discord first,  
 Daughter of sin, among th' *irrational*  
 Death introduced. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*  
 He hath eat'n, and lives,  
 And knows, and speaks, and reasons and discerns;  
 Irrational till then. *Mit. Paradise Lgt, b. ix.*  
 2. Absurd; contrary to reason.  
 Since the brain is only a part transmittent, and that humours  
 oft are precipitated to the lungs before they arrive to the brain,  
 no kind of benefit can be effected from *irrational* an applica-  
 tion. *Harvey on Conception.*  
 I shall quietly submit, not wishing to *irrational* a thing as  
 that every body should be deceived. *Pope.*  
**IRRA'TIONALITY.** *n. s.* [from *irrationalis*.] Want of reason.  
**IRRA'TIONALLY.** *adv.* [from *irrationalis*.] Without reason;  
 absurdly.  
**IRRECLAIMABLE.** *adj.* [in and *reclaimable*.] Not to be re-  
 claimed; not to be changed to the better.  
 As for obstinate, *irreclaimable*, professed enemies, we must  
 expect their calamities will continue. *Addison's Freethinker.*  
**IRRECONCILABLE.** *adj.* [from *irreconcilabilis*, Fr. in and *reconcilabilis*.]  
 1. Not to be reconciled; not to be appeased.  
 Wage eternal wars,  
 Irreconcilable to our grand foe. *Milton.*  
 A weak unequal faction may animate a government; but  
 when it grows equal in strength, and *irreconcilable* by animos-  
 ity, it cannot end without some crisis. *Temple.*  
 There are no factions, though *irreconcilable* to one another,  
 that are not united in their affection to you. *Dryden.*  
 2. Not to be made consistent. It has *with* or *to*.  
 As she was strictly virtuous herself, so she always put the  
 best construction upon the words and actions of her neigh-  
 bours, except where they were *irreconcilable* to the rules of  
 honesty and decency. *Arbutnot, Hist. of John Bull.*  
 Since the sense I oppose is attended with such gross *irrecon-  
 cilable* absurdities, I presume I need not offer any thing farther  
 in support of the one, or in disproof of the other. *Rogers.*  
 This essential power of gravitation or attraction is *irrecon-  
 cilable* with the atheist's own doctrine of a chaos. *Beattie.*  
 All that can be transmitted from the stars is wholly unac-  
 countable, and *irreconcilable* to any system of science. *Bentley.*  
**IRRECONCILABLENESS.** *n. s.* [from *irreconcilabilis*.] Impossi-  
 bility to be reconciled.  
**IRRECONCILABLY.** *adv.* [from *irreconcilabilis*.] In a manner  
 not admitting reconciliation.  
**IRRECONCILED.** *adj.* [in and *reconciled*.] Not atoned.  
**IRRECOVERABLE.** *adj.* [in and *recoverable*.]  
 1. Not to be regained; not to be restored or repaired.  
 Time, in a natural sense, is *irrecoverable*: the moment just  
 fled by us, it is impossible to recall. *Rogers.*  
 2. Not to be remedied.  
 The *irrecoverable* loss of so many livings of principal  
 value.  
 It concerns every man, that would not trifle away his soul  
 and fool himself into *irrecoverable* misery, with the greatest  
 seriousness to enquire. *Tillotson's Sermons.*  
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**IRRECOVERABLY.** *adv.* [from *irrecoverable*.] Beyond reco-  
 very; past repair.  
 O dark, dark, dark amid the blaze of noon;  
 Irrecoverably dark, total eclipse,  
 Without all hope of day.  
 The credit of the Exchequer is *irrecoverably* lost by the last  
 breach with the bankers. *Temple.*  
**IRREDUCIBLE.** *adj.* [in and *reducible*.] Not to be brought or  
 reduced.  
 These observations seem to argue the corpules of air to  
 be *irreducible* into water. *Boyle.*  
**IRREFRAGABILITY.** *n. s.* [from *irrefragabilis*.] Strength of  
 argument not to be refuted.  
**IRREFRAGABLE.** *adj.* [from *irrefragabilis*, school Latin; *irre-  
 fragabilis*, Fr.] Not to be confuted; superior to argumental  
 opposition.  
 Strong and *irrefragable* the evidences of Christianity must  
 be: they who resisted them would resist every thing. *Atterbury.*  
 The danger of introducing unexperienced men was urged  
 as an *irrefragable* reason for working by flow degrees. *Swift.*  
**IRREFRAGABLY.** *adv.* [from *irrefragabilis*.] With force above  
 confutation.  
 That they denied a future state is evident from St. Paul's  
 reasonings, which are of no force but only on that supposition,  
 as Origen largely and *irrefragably* proves. *Atterbury.*  
**IRREFRAGABLY.** *adv.* [from *irrefragabilis*, Latin.] Not to be over-  
 thrown by argument.  
**IRREGULAR.** *adj.* [from *irregularis*, Fr. *irregularis*, Latin.]  
 1. Deviating from rule, custom, or nature.  
 The am'rous youth  
 Obtain'd of Venus his desire,  
 However *irregular* his fire. *Prior.*  
 2. Immethodical; not confined to any certain rule or order.  
 This motion seems eccentric and *irregular*, yet not well  
 to be refuted or quieted. *King Charles.*  
 Regular  
 Then most, when most *irregular* they seem. *Milton.*  
 The numbers of pindarics are wild and *irregular*, and  
 sometimes seem harsh and uncouth. *Cowley.*  
 3. Not being according to the laws of virtue. A soft word for  
 vicious.  
**IRREGULARITY.** *n. s.* [from *irregularis*, Fr. from *irregular*.]  
 1. Deviation from rule.  
 2. Neglect of method and order.  
 This *irregularity* of its unruly and tumultuous motion might  
 afford a beginning unto the common opinion. *Brown.*  
 As these vast heaps of mountains are thrown together with  
 so much *irregularity* and confusion, they form a great variety  
 of hollow bottoms. *Addison on Italy.*  
 3. Inordinate practice.  
 Religion is somewhat less in danger of corruption, while  
 the sinner acknowledges the obligations of his duty, and is  
 ashamed of his *irregularities*. *Rogers's Sermons.*  
**IRREGULARLY.** *adv.* [from *irregularis*.] Without observation  
 of rule or method.  
 Phaeton,  
 By the wild courses of his fancy drawn,  
 From East to West *irregularly* hurld,  
 First set on fire himself, and then the world. *Dryden jun.*  
 Your's is a soul *irregularly* great,  
 Which wanting temper, yet abounds with heat. *Dryden.*  
 It may give some light to those whose concern for their lit-  
 tle ones makes them so *irregularly* bold as to consult their own  
 reasons, in the education of their children, rather than to rely  
 upon old custom. *Locke.*  
 To **IRREGULATE.** *v. a.* [from *in* and *regula*, Latin.] To  
 make irregular; to disorder.  
 Its fluctuations are but motions subservient, which winds,  
 shelves, and every interagency *irregulate*. *Brown's Vulg. Err.*  
**IRRELATIVE.** *adj.* [in and *relativus*, Latin.] Having no re-  
 ference to any thing; single; unconnected.  
 Separated by the voice of God, things in their species came  
 out in uncommunicated varieties, and *irrelative* sexualities.  
*Brown's Vulgar Errors.*  
**IRRELIGION.** *n. s.* [from *irreligio*, Fr. in and *religio*.] Contempt  
 of religion; impiety.  
 The weapons with which I combat *irreligion* are already  
 consecrated. *Dryden.*  
 We behold every instance of prophaneity and *irreligion*,  
 not only committed, but defended and gloried in. *Rogers.*  
**IRRELIGIOUS.** *adj.* [from *irreligiosus*, Fr. in and *religiosus*.]  
 1. Contemning religion; impious.  
 The issue of an *irreligious* Moor. *Shaksp. Tit. Andron.*  
 Whoever sees these *irreligious* men,  
 With burthen of a sickness weak and faint,  
 But hears them talking of religion then,  
 And vowing of their souls to every saint. *Davies.*  
 Shame and reproach is generally the portion of the impious  
 and *irreligious*. *South's Sermons.*  
 2. Contrary to religion.  
 Wherein that Scripture standeth not the church of God in  
 any stead, or serveth nothing at all to direct, but may be let

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pass as needfuls to be consulted with, we judge it profane, im-  
 pious, and *irreligious* to think. *H. cher.*  
 Might not the queen's domesticks be obliged to avoid swear-  
 ing, and *irreligious* profane discourse? *Swift.*  
**IRRELIGIOUSLY.** *adv.* [from *irreligiosus*.] With impiety;  
 with irreligion.  
**IRREMEABLE.** *adj.* [from *irremediabilis*, Latin.] Admitting no re-  
 turn.  
 The keeper charm'd, the chief without delay  
 Pass'd on, and took th' *irremediabile* way. *Dryden.*  
**IRREME'DIABLE.** *adj.* [from *irremediabilis*, Fr. in and *remediabilis*.]  
 Admitting no cure; not to be remedied.  
 They content themselves with that which was the *irremediabile*  
 error of former times, or the necessity of the present hath cast  
 upon them. *Hooker.*  
 A steady hand, in governing of military affairs, is more  
 requisite than in times of peace, because an error committed  
 in war may prove *irremediabile*. *Bacon.*  
 Whatever he consults you about, unless it lead to some fatal  
 and *irremediabile* mischief, be sure you advise only as a  
 friend. *Locke.*  
**IRREME'DIABLY.** *adv.* [from *irremediabilis*.] Without cure.  
 It happens to us *irremediably* and inevitably, that we may  
 perceive these accidents are not the fruits of our labour, but  
 gifts of God. *Taylor's Worthy Communicant.*  
**IRREMISSIBLE.** *adj.* [in and *remitto*, Lat. *irremissibilis*, French.]  
 Not to be pardoned.  
**IRREMISSIBLENESS.** *n. s.* [from *irremissibilis*.] The quality of  
 being not to be pardoned.  
 Thence arises the aggravation and *irremissibility* of the  
 sin. *Hammond on Fundamentals.*  
**IRREMOVABLE.** *adj.* [in and *removeo*.] Not to be moved;  
 not to be changed.  
 Refolv'd for flight. *Shaksp. Winter's Tale.*  
**IRREMOVABLE.** *adj.* [in and *removet*.] Void of honour.  
 For all he did was to deceive good knights,  
 And draw them from pursuit of praise and fame  
 To sluggish sloth and sensual delights,  
 And end their days with *irremovable* shame. *Fairy Queen.*  
**IRREPARABLE.** *adj.* [from *irreparabilis*, Lat. *irreparable*, Fr.] Not  
 to be recovered; not to be repaired.  
 Irreparable is the loss, and patience says it is not past her  
 cure. *Shaksp. Tempest.*  
 Toild with loss *irreparable*. *Milton.*  
 It is an *irreparable* injustice we are guilty of, when we are  
 prejudiced by the looks of those whom we do not know. *Addison.*  
 The story of Deucalion and Pyrrha teaches, that piety and  
 innocence cannot miss of the divine protection, and that the  
 only loss *irreparable* is that of our probity. *Garth.*  
**IRREPARABLY.** *adv.* [from *irreparabilis*.] Without recovery;  
 without amends.  
 Such adventures befall artists *irreparably*. *Boyle.*  
 The cutting off that time industry and gifts, whereby the would  
 be nourished, were *irreparably* injurious to her. *Dec. of Piety.*  
**IRREPLEVABLE.** *adj.* [in and *replevy*.] Not to be redeemed.  
 A law term.  
**IRREPREHENSIBLE.** *adj.* [from *irreprehensibilis*, Fr. *irreprehensibilis*,  
 Latin.] Exempt from blame.  
**IRREPREHENSIBLY.** *adv.* [from *irreprehensibilis*.] Without blame.  
**IRREPRESENTABLE.** *adj.* [in and *represent*.] Not to be figured  
 by any representation.  
 God's *irrepresentable* nature doth hold against making images  
 of God. *Stillington.*  
**IRREPROACHABLE.** *adj.* [in and *reproachable*.] Free from  
 blame; free from reproach.  
 He was a serious sincere Christian, of an innocent, *irre-  
 proachable*, nay, exemplary life. *Atterbury.*  
 Their prayer may be, that they may raise up and breed as  
*irreproachable* a young family as their parents have done. *Pope.*  
**IRREPROACHABLY.** *adv.* [from *irreproachable*.] Without  
 blame; without reproach.  
**IRREPROVEABLE.** *adj.* [in and *reproveable*.] Not to be blamed;  
 irreproachable.  
**IRRESISTIBILITY.** *n. s.* [from *irresistibilis*.] Power or force  
 above opposition.  
 The doctrine of *irresistibility* of grace, in working whatso-  
 ever it works, if it be acknowledged, there is nothing to be  
 ascribed to gratitude. *Hammond on Fundamentals.*  
**IRRESISTIBLE.** *adj.* [from *irresistibilis*, Fr. in and *resistibilis*.] Supe-  
 rior to opposition.  
 Fear doth grow from an apprehension of the Deity, indued  
 with *irresistible* power to hurt; and is of all affections, anger  
 excepted, the unaptest to admit conference with reason. *Hook.*  
 In mighty quadrate join'd  
 Of union *irresistible*. *Milton.*  
 Fear of God is inward acknowledgment of an holy just  
 Being, armed with almighty and *irresistible* power. *Tillotson.*  
 There can be no difference in the subjects, where the appli-  
 cation is almighty and *irresistible*, as in creation. *Rogers.*  
 Won by the charm  
 Of goodness *irresistible*, the blith'd consent. *Thomson.*  
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